

officer in the Freedmen's Bureau, in Georgia. He soon resigned this commission and resumed the ministry. He organized schools for colored children for a time, and when the Reconstruction Laws were enacted by Congress, he called the first Republican Convention in Georgia, and stumped the state. He was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1867, and a member of the Georgia Legislature in 1868 and 1870. He was appointed by President Grant postmaster in Macon, Ga.; later, he was appointed inspector of customs, and then United States secret detective. In 1876, he was elected by the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, general manager of its publication, in Philadelphia, and in 1880 he was elected bishop by the General Conference, at St. Louis, Mo.

He believes that the colored race should return to Africa and build up a nation and a civilization of their own. He has organized four annual conferences in Africa, one in Sierra Leone, one in Liberia, one in Pretoria of the Transvaal, and one in Queenstown, South Africa.

Bishop Turner wrote the catechism of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and compiled a hymn book for the same, and is also the author of "Methodist Polity," which is recognized as authority in his church. He has also written various lectures, orations, and has projected two newspapers which the church has purchased and made organs of the same. Bishop Turner says he has received in the African Methodist Episcopal Church one hundred and six thousand members since he has been in the ministry, in the United States, Canada, the West India Islands, and Africa.

Bishop C. T. Shaffer, D.D.

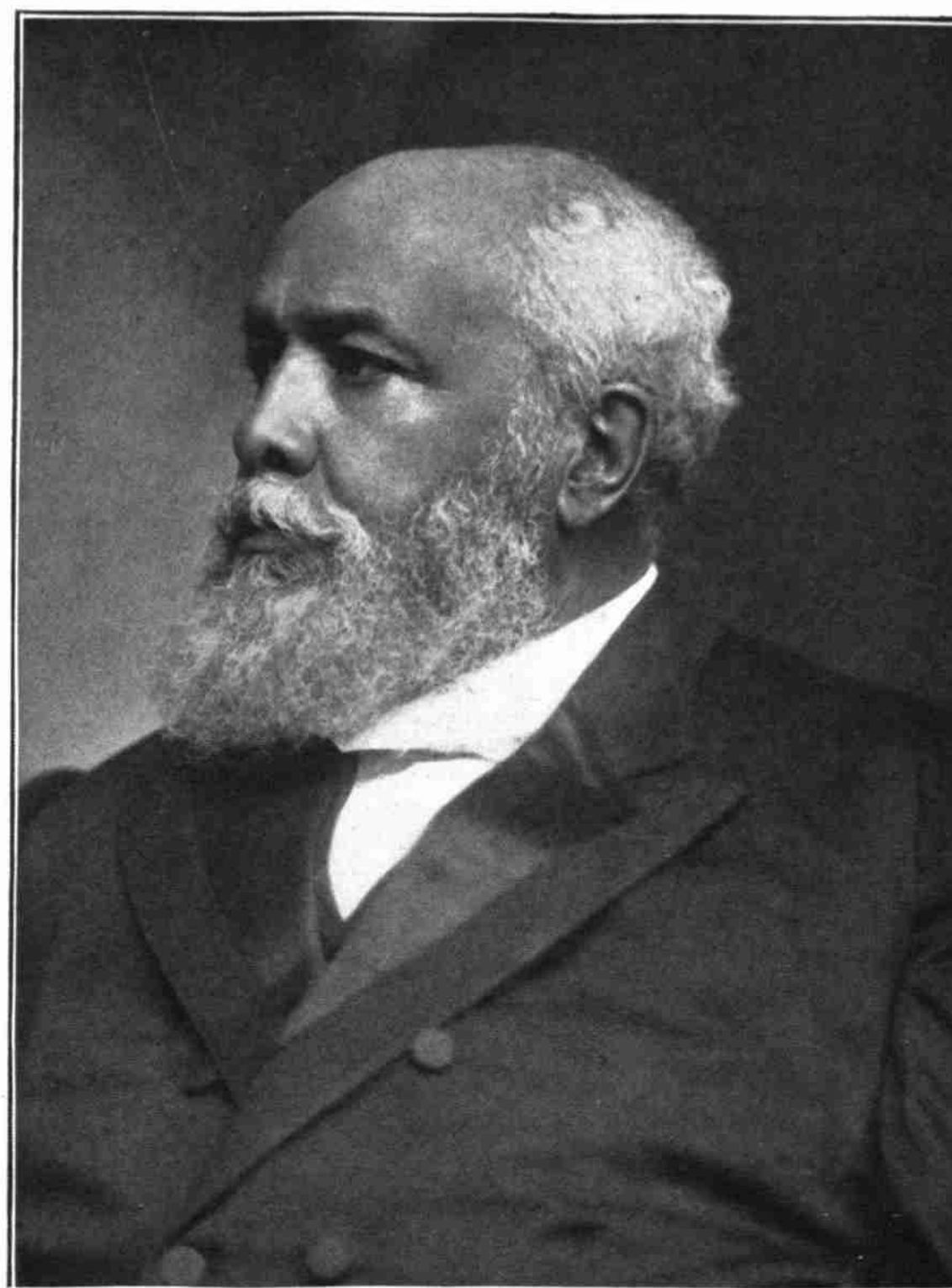
A. M. E. Church

Residence: Chicago, Ill.

BISHOP SHAFFER is in charge of the Fourth Episcopal District, which includes the conferences of Ontario, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, and Kentucky. He was born in Troy, Ohio, January 3, 1847, and was educated in the Ohio public schools.

At the age of seventeen he enlisted in the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers, U. S. A. Later he was detailed to the One Hundredth United States Infantry on non-commissioned service in the medical department. He served in the Army of the Cumberland under Gen. George H. Thomas in the engagement at Nashville. After his muster out, he attended Berea College, also at Cadiz, Ohio, and Brooklyn, N. Y. He graduated in medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, 1888.

He entered the Christian ministry in 1870, and served African Methodist Episcopal churches in Ohio, Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. He built the "Mother" Bethel Church, Philadelphia, on the original site, in 1890-91, at a cost of \$50,000. He was presiding elder in 1891, and a year later was elected secretary and treasurer of the newly created Board of Church Extension of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1900 he was elected bishop, and since that time has held fifty-seven conferences, two of which were on the west coast of Africa. Bishop Shaffer is now chairman of the Board of Missions of the church. He was delegate to the Ecumenical Conference, London, 1901; also to the World's Missionary Congress, London, 1881, and is a member of the committee on the Ecumenical Conference at Toronto for 1911. He has been a trustee of Wilberforce University thirty-five years. Fidelity, untiring labor, and intelligent interest have crowned his work with success.



Bishop B. F. Lee, D.D.

A. M. E. Church

Residence: Wilberforce, Ohio

BISHOP LEE has supervision of the churches of South Carolina. He was born near Bridgeton, N. J., September 18, 1841.

His mother was his first teacher. He entered school at five years of age, continuing from three to six months annually. When ten years old, he lost his father and was "put out to work" three years for the annual consideration of food, clothing, and three months' schooling. In 1864 he began academic studies at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. In 1866 he entered the theological department and was graduated in 1872, having supported himself by manual labor, teaching, and supplying pulpits at intervals.

In 1868 he was licensed to preach. His pastoral service was rendered in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. He was professor of pastoral theology and homiletics, Wilberforce University, 1873-75, and president 1876-84. Editor of the *Christian Recorder*, 1884-92. Consecrated bishop, 1892.

He was a member of the committee of arrangements for the first Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, 1881, and a delegate to the conference of 1901. He is a member of the American Forestry Association and is secretary of the Council of Bishops and editor of the Official Literature of his church. He has been identified with the Wilberforce University, several years as lecturer, twenty-five years president of the Alumni Association, and thirty years trustee of the university. Bishop Lee says his "writings have been confined to journalistic and incidental performances."